

The Pioneer Celery Farm-A money-maker now-Armstrong

Celery

S1X years ago a farmer started to grow a small piece of celery as an experiment. The quality of his shipments was such that it was with little effort that his crop was sold when it was ready for market, at a price which realized him \$140.00 per ton on board cars at Armstrong. Since that time the acreage has grown steadily, and it is expected that the acreage now planted in celery this year will make the quantity available for shipment over 400 tons.

The excellent quality of celery grown in this district is occasioned by the fact that it is grown on rich black bottom land, with sub-irrigation. The yield is from six to eight tons per acre. The stocks are larger and longer than the celery grown at the Coast or in California, and is of better quality than the celebrated Kalamazoo celery.

Celery is all shipped by express; growers pack it in 40, 50 and 60 pound boxes. Shipments start about July 15th, and continue until about December 15th, at which time the stock is usually exhausted.

Shipments are made to Vancouver and other points West, and to points as far east as Winnipeg, and the demand has been and is growing much faster than the acreage at this point, and consequently commands the same high price that it did five or six years ago.